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1. BOTH PRIME MINISTER OLOF PALME (WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY) AND FOREIGN MINISTER SVEN ANDERSSON DECLINED PUBLIC COMMENT ON RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT NIXON. HOWEVER, OFFICIALS OF OTHER PARTIES COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS:

A. MODERATE PARTY LEADER GOSTA BOHMAN:

THE NEWS ABOUT NIXON'S RESIGNATION CAME AS NO SURPRISE. AS THE WATERGATE SCANDAL HAS DEVELOPED, NIXON'S DECISION WAS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE. RESPECT FOR TRUTH AND THE DEMANDS OF THE HIGHEST OFFICE IN THE LAND MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO CONTINUE AS PRESIDENT. WHAT HAS HAPPENED SHOWS NOT ONLY HOW POWER CORRUPTS BUT IT IS ALSO A TESTIMONY TO THE STRENGTH OF THE AMERICAN DEMOCRACY.

B. LIBERAL PARTY SECRETARY CARL THAM:

IT IS HIGHLY BENEFICIAL THAT PRESIDENT NIXON NOW

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LEAVES HIS POST. IT IS PAINFUL FOR AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

THAT THIS MAN, WHO FOR YEARS HAS BEEN A SYMBOL OF UNSCRUPULOUS POLITICAL METHODS, WAS ELECTED LESS THAN TWO YEARS AGO BY ONE OF THE LARGEST MAJORITIES IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

C. CENTER PARTY SECOND VICE LEADER KARIN SODER:
IN THE WAY PRESIDENT NIXON HAS ABUSED THE PRESIDENCY, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT HE HAD TO RESIGN. IT IS DEPLORABLE THAT IT HAS NOT HAPPENED EARLIER. HIS ACTIONS HAVE HURT AMERICAN DEMOCRACY, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME DEMOCRATIC JUSTICE HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS STRENGTH.

D. COMMUNIST (VPK) PARTY LEADER C. H. HERMANSSON:
NIXON RESIGNS, BUT THE SYSTEM WHICH CREATED HIM REMAINS. NIXON AND HIS ASSISTANTS, THE NEW PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER INCLUDED, SHOULD BE SENTENCED BY AN INTERNATIONAL COURT AS WAR CRIMINALS FOR THE WAR AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA.
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